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December 29, 2005

Reply To: HPR-ID

Mr. David S. Ekern, Director Idaho Transportation Department P.O. Box 7129 Boise, ID 83707

Attention: Patti Raino

R: FY-2006 STIP Amendment #1

Dear Mr. Ekern:

Your December 19, 2005 letter requested FHWA approval of STIP Amendment #1 providing for the addition of Key #09718, Safety Restraint Public Awareness, to the FY 2006-2008 STIP.

We concur that, as explained in your letter, no further public involvement is necessary in conjunction with the proposed change.

Furthermore, we concur that the proposed change is exempt from the air quality conformity requirements of 40 CFR Part 93.

Because the project is not intermodal in nature and does not affect the State's conformity process, FHWA has sole approval authority for this requested action.

I further find that the proposed amendment is based on a planning process that substantially meets the requirements of Title 23, U.S.C., the Federal Transit Act and 23 CFR 450 and therefore approve Amendment #1 as submitted.

Sincerely,

(original signed by S. Scarr "for")

R. Scott Frey Transportation Engineer

E-Mail cc: Elizabeth Sier, FTA Region 10

December 19, 2005

Stephen A. Moreno Idaho Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration 3050 N. Lake Harbor Lane, Suite 126 Boise, Idaho 83703

Attention: Scott Frey

SUBJECT: FY 2006-2010 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
Amendment # 1

Dear Mr. Moreno:

Please approve the below noted project action requiring a STIP amendment. The action was approved at the December 2005 meeting of the Idaho Transportation Board.

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STP-Fernandez

STP-Weaver

Add Key # 09718, Safety Restraint Public Awareness to FY 2006. This project appears in the state's Capital Investment Program transmitted to FHWA as addendum to the STIP, but was inadvertently left out of the STIP statewide project listing. It is funded through 163 funds. Safety projects are eligible for grouped status, under 23 CFR 450.324 (i) and no additional project selection or public involvement action is required to add this project to the STIP.

There is no air quality implication for these actions and no air quality conformity is required. The Idaho Transportation Department certifies that the above project actions were in accordance with all applicable requirements as described in Section 450.220 of the Statewide Planning Regulations, dated October 28, 1993. The STIP continues to be consistent with the Statewide Transportation Plan as approved by the Idaho Transportation Board in July 2004 and remains fiscally constrained.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Rountree Deputy Director/Transportation Planning and Programming Administrator

cc: Mr. R.F. Krochalis, Regional Administrator

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